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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY NICOSIA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PDIP, GR

SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER

EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE THE FOLLOWING  
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRIME MINISTER  
CARAMANLIS.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
JOIN ME IN EXTENDING SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR  
ELECTORAL VICTORY. THE RAPID SUCCESS OF THE RESTORATION OF  
THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS TO GREECE,DURING A VERY DIFFICULT  
PERIOD OF THE NATION'S HISTORY, IS CLEAR TESTIMONY TO THE  
WISDOM OF YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE COURAGE OF THE GREEK  
PEOPLE. I AM HEARTENED BY THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY TO THE  
LAND OF ITS BIRTH. THERE CAN BE NO FIRMER BASIS FROM WHICH  
TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.

AS YOU DISCHARGE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR HIGH OFFICE,  
YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF MY CONTINUED DEDICATION AND THAT OF THE  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND  
THE COMMON IDEALS THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE LONG SHARED.

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WITH WARM REGARDS, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT OF  
MESSAGE BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOG. INGERSOLL

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